

**Deer Task Force**  
**May 11, 2015**  
**Town Hall, Old Town road**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Ruth Perfido, Heather Hatfield, Dick Stinson, Becky Ballard, Paul Deane, Bill McKernan, George Mellor.

Also present: First Warden, Ken Lacoste, Leonard Perfido, Barbara Baldwin, Assistant Clerk Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

**1. Public Input** – none

**2. Approval of minutes of March 9, 2015** – Paul Deane moved to approve the minutes, seconded by George Mellor.

Ayes 7(Perfido, Hatfield, Stinson, Ballard, Deane, McKernan, Mellor) Nays 0

**3. Ongoing Business**

- \* **Action on annual report to Town Council-** Dick Stinson moved to forward the annual report to the Town Council, seconded by Paul Deane.

Ayes 7(Perfido, Hatfield, Stinson, Ballard, Deane, McKernan, Mellor) Nays 0

- \* **Long range planning session for hunting Season 2015-2016-What's next?**

Ruth Perfido circulated a list of items to be discussed so that recommendations can be made to the Town Council

1. Should the Pilot Program become a permanent program in order to ensure herd reduction to the recommended number and thereafter maintenance at that number?

It was felt by the Task Force that the word “permanent” should be deleted and the word “ongoing” be substituted. Bill McKernan will write up a paragraph for the next meeting. The Deer Task Force recommends that the Town Council continue payment to local hunters for \$150.00 per tail for the 2015-2016 season and then review payment amount annually.

**2. Is there a role for the DTF going forward?**

- Fund Raising – George Mellor will draft a general request letter. Heather Hatfield will draft a thank you letter to donors for this past season. The Deer Task Force will continue fund raising if and as needed for the next season.
- Strong liaison with BIHS for tick related disease monitoring
- Strong liaison with BIRA re: continued transfer station funding and any needed fund raising for the deer reduction program.
- Work with landowners to acquire additional land for hunting.
- Assist Town in developing 2015-2016 hunting dates
- The Deer Task Force will continue to assist the Town in maintaining check station.

3. What role should the Town play in the program if it is continued?  
Oversee check station – recommend that same procedures for receipt of deer and payment approval be maintained.

- Continue deer management as a line item in the annual Town budget.

4. What information should continue to be gathered and by whom?  
The Deer Task force recommends that paid flyovers not be continued.

5. What role should island hunters play in the various aspects of the program.?

- Maintain the check stations.  
Assist in fund raising by giving interview to the BI Times and, if possible, contacting any possible donors.

6. Did this year's procedures work?

With a final estimate of approximately 450 deer being eliminated, Paul Deane and Dick Stinson were thanked for the terrific job on the check station. Island hunters were thanked for a great job. Also thanks were extended to Chief Carlone, the NSPD and the Town Hall folks for a very successful system that inspected the deer, collected the documentation and issued credits to the hunters.

#### **4. New Business**

The resignation of Ruth Perfido and Becky Ballard and the upcoming resignation of Bill McKernan was submitted. They noted that their resignations were due to the fact that they would be away from BI a number of months each year and state law did not permit members of governmental entities to attend meetings by phone. The members were asked to come up with the number needed for a working committee and suggestions for new members for next meeting.

Next meeting, June 8, 2015 7:30 p.m. With no further business at 9:00 p.m. Bill McKernan moved to adjourn seconded by Dick Stinson and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved: 6/8/2015

Bonny L. Ryan